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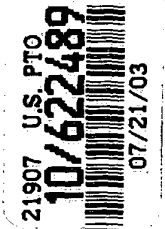
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For: COMBUSTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR NOX REDUCTION

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of FORTY-FOUR (44) pages
- ☒ TWELVE (12) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-219397 filed in JAPAN on July 29, 2002 and 2003-141253 filed in JAPAN on May 20, 2003.
 - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. ☒ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). 2002-219397 filed in JAPAN on July 29, 2002 and 2003-141253 filed in JAPAN on May 20, 2003, which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

b. ☐ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)

☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

☐ Other:

☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

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